

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VOICE DICTATION AND  
COMMAND INPUT MODES**

**ABSTRACT**

A system and method for use in computing systems that employ speech recognition capabilities. Where recognized speech can be dictation and commands, one or more buttons may be used to change modes of said computing systems to accept spoken words as dictation, or to accept spoken words as commands, as well as activate a microphone used for the speech recognition. The change in mode may occur responsive to the manner in which a button is pressed, where the manner may include such depressions as taps, press and holds, thumbwheel slides, and other forms of button manipulation.

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